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<u>Land</u>	<u>Tons of Beets per Hectare</u>
Mecklenburg	15.4
Brandenburg	15.6
Sachsen	24.9
Sachsen-Anhalt	24.9
Thuringen	23.7
Average	21.9

This brings up the question as to whether sugar beet cultivation in Mecklenburg should be expanded, or whether it would be more advantageous to concentrate on the laender where conditions are more favorable for higher yields.

The ratio of the area under sugar-beet cultivation to the entire cultivated area is as follows:

<u>Land</u>	<u>Percentage of Cultivated Area Used for Growing Sugar Beets</u>
Mecklenburg	4.1
Brandenburg	2.2
Sachsen-Anhalt	9.1
Sachsen	2.0
Thuringen	2.0

Transport of beets to the mills was carried out according to plan, with 35 percent of the crop shipped in October, 45 percent in November, and 20 percent in December. A total of 8 million tons of transport space was required as follows:

	<u>Percent</u>
Horse-drawn vehicles	49
Trucks	15.6
Narrow-gauge railroad	3.4
Reichsbahn	28.8
Ships	3.2

The losses caused by plant diseases and vermin are estimated at 120,000 tons.

The processing mills were better supplied with auxiliary materials, especially bituminous coal and coke, than in the previous year, although no shipments arrived from the Western Zones.

The beets were in good condition for processing, and the quality of the sugar produced was better than in the previous year. The weather was good and losses due to frost were slight. The average sugar content of the beets was 17.36 percent (17.19 percent the previous year).

The introduction of a bonus system had a favorable effect, increasing the quantity of beets processed daily and decreasing sugar losses. Since not all mills were informed, in time, of the introduction of the bonus system, further improvements can be expected in the coming year.

The sugar campaign has taught the following lessons: Planting is frequently done too late, so that dry spells prevent the beets from growing properly. Systematic campaigns against vermin must be carried out. The dates set for starting to harvest the beets must be made more elastic, and should depend on the degree of ripeness of the beets and on the status of the potato crop. The processing and the chemical treatment require further improvement.

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For better control and planning, most of the sugar mills will be consolidated into a Zonal Federation of People-Owned Mills, with headquarters at Halle. This will enable the mills to coordinate their efforts in solving their problems. Great efforts will have to be made to effect the necessary repairs and to increase the yields per hectare. Also, raw material supplies will have to be increased and the overhead should be lowered by 7 percent.

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